

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Rick Bergin, Meghan Skaggs, Mary Affeldt, Kevin Zheng, Carol Robinson, Bruce MacDonald, Jennifer Facticeau, Mark Donovan, Liam Donovan, Robert Ehrhardt, Darrell Horney, Linda Zumbrun, Chinwe Calista Adetula, Katie Turner, Seante Hunt, Bob DeAngelis, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, and Meredith Beach for Jeff Meyers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm. Joan welcomed the board and guests and everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The February 18, 2015 agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 21, 2014 minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: HC DrugFree/Howard County Alcohol Coalition/Opioid Misuse Prevention Coalition - Update provided by Joan

Howard County received the FY 2015 Opioid Misuse Prevention Grant from the Behavioral Health Administration. HC DrugFree will be contracted by the Howard County Health Department to provide the Prevention services. The grant ends on June 30, 2015.

The Underage Alcohol Prevention grant (targeting parents of teens as providers of alcohol) will end in June 30, 2015.

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Drug Facts Chat Day, Friday, January 30: This was the first year for Howard County to participate in the Chat Day. NIDA received approximately 8,000 questions from teens across the country and 869 (more than 10%) were submitted from Howard County teens using HC DrugFree's access code.

The Valentine's Day public service announcement (PSA) created by HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) was made into posters. TAC members displayed the posters in 9 of the 12 public high schools and posters were provided to the Health Department and other agencies to display in their waiting areas. HC DrugFree and some schools/PTSA's electronically shared the PSA and the PSA ran in the Business Monthly.

March is HC DrugFree's annual Drug-Free Month. HC DrugFree welcomes articles, blogs, etc. from ADAAB members to share with parents and the community throughout the month of March.

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Conference: Joan attended the annual prevention conference and as always, was impressed with the speakers and content.

Update on HC DrugFree programs:

1. Who Are Molly and Her Friends?: Although the weather caused the attendance to be low, the program presented by the Howard County Police Narcotics Division was informative and needs to be repeated when more people can attend. Joan thanked ADAAB members Mark Donovan, Judge Zwaig, and Katie Turner for attending the program in spite of the weather and for offering their assistance.
2. Senior Week in Ocean City (with speakers from Ocean City Police and Beach Patrol): ADAAB members were encouraged to attend the program(s) and help advertise the March 3 and April 27 programs.

3. HoCo FilmFest (with HC DrugFree Film Category): ADAAB members were asked to think how they may be able to share the winning HC DrugFree films.
4. Teen2Teen: ADAAB members working with teens/youth in recovery were asked if they know any young people willing to present to parents for the March Teen2Teen program.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Update provided by Roe

Roe mentioned again the Opioid Misuse Prevention Grant awarded to the Howard County Health Department from the Behavioral Health Administration. Roe mentioned being thankful for receiving the funds and the assistance provided by HC DrugFree.

Roe thanked everyone for providing feedback on the stakeholder survey for the Bureau of Behavioral Health.

Lastly, Roe informed the board that 14 Overdose Response Program trainings had been conducted in FY15 and 138 individuals had been trained. The target for the year is 20 trainings and 400 trainees. The board was informed of plans to outreach more to the community to promote the trainings to the target population (individuals at risk of an overdose, family and friends of those at risk of an overdose, outreach workers and professionals working with those at risk of an overdose). The board was informed of several Overdose Response Program trainings scheduled in the upcoming months.

NEW BUSNISS: Last month Mark Donovan owner of Congruent Counseling and Integrative Counseling made a request for the Health Department to assist private substance use disorder providers in Howard County to become accredited. Currently there are 3 certified programs in Howard County. Mark estimates a cost of \$20,000 per program per year would be necessary to gain and maintain accreditation. Mark thanked Roe for her assistance since the last board meeting on matters related to this subject. Mark mentioned without funding he may need to terminate his certification for Level II.1 Intensive Outpatient services in 2017 and may not be able to become certified for Level I Outpatient service if the proposed Code of Maryland Regulations require certified programs be accredited.

Joan announced that Dr. Joe Gagliardi was unable to attend the meeting, but he recommended that ADAAB recommend to the County Executive and the State that powdered alcohol and powdered caffeine use and sale be banned in Maryland. ADAAB voted to make a recommendation to the County Executive; however, no recommendation will be forwarded to the State. Joan will follow-up with Dr. Gagliardi for assistance with gathering information to forward to the County Executive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next ADAAB meeting will be March 18, 2015 at the Howard County Health Department in the Executive Conference Room at the Health Department's 8930 Stanford Blvd location at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.